



TOWNSHIP OF BISMARCK
Presque Isle County, Michigan

FINANCIAL REPORT WITH
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Year Ended March 31, 2005

AUDITING PROCEDURES REPORT

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Audit Date March 31, 2005	Opinion Date June 16, 2005	Date Accountant Report Submitted to State: August 24, 2005	

We have audited the financial statements of this local unit of government and rendered an opinion on financial statements prepared in accordance with the Statements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the *Uniform Reporting Format for Financial Statements for Counties and Local Units of Government in Michigan* by the Michigan Department of Treasury.

We affirm that:

1. We have complied with the *Bulletin for the Audits of Local Units of Government in Michigan* as revised.
2. We are certified public accountants registered to practice in Michigan.

We further affirm the following. "Yes" responses have been disclosed in the financial statements, including the notes, or in the report of comments and recommendations

You must check the applicable box for each item below.

- ☐ yes ☒ no 1. Certain component units/funds/agencies of the local unit are excluded from the financial statements.
- ☐ yes ☒ no 2. There are accumulated deficits in one or more of this unit's unreserved fund balances/retained earnings (P.A. 275 of 1980).
- ☐ yes ☒ no 3. There are instances of non-compliance with the Uniform Accounting and Budgeting Act (P.A. 2 of 1968, as amended).
- ☐ yes ☒ no 4. The local unit has violated the conditions of either an order issued under the Municipal Finance Act or its requirements, or an order issued under the Emergency Municipal Loan Act.
- ☐ yes ☒ no 5. The local unit holds deposits/investments which do not comply with statutory requirements. (P.A. 20 of 1943, as amended [MCL 129.91], or P.A. 55 of 1982, as amended [MCL 38.1132]).
- ☐ yes ☒ no 6. The local unit has been delinquent distributing tax revenues that were collected for another taxing unit.
- ☐ yes ☒ no 7. The local unit has violated the Constitutional requirement (Article 9, Section 24) to fund current year earned pension benefits (normal costs) in the current year. If the plan is more than 100% funded and the overfunding credits are more than the normal cost requirement, no contributions are due (paid during they year).
- ☐ yes ☒ no 8. The local unit uses credit cards and has not adopted an applicable policy as required by P.A. 266 of 1995 (MCL 129.241).
- ☐ yes ☒ no 9. The local unit has not adopted an investment policy as required by P.A. 196 of 1997 (MCL 129.95).

We have enclosed the following:	Enclosed	To Be Forwarded	Not Required
The letter of comments and recommendations.	X		
Reports on individual federal financial assistance programs (program audits).			X
Single Audit Reports (ASLGU).			X

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TOWNSHIP OF BISMARCK
Presque Isle County, Michigan

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

June 16, 2005

To the Township Board
Township of Bismarck
Presque Isle County, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Township of Bismarck, Presque Isle County, Michigan as of and for the year ended March 31, 2005, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Township of Bismarck's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Township of Bismarck, Presque Isle County, Michigan as of March 31, 2005, and the respective changes in financial position thereof, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As described in Note 1, the Township has implemented a new financial reporting model, as required by the provisions of GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*, as of April 1, 2004.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information listed in the table of contents are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management, regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the Township's basic financial statements. The other supporting information described in the accompanying table of contents is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied by us in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, it is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Campbell, Kusterer & Co., P.C.

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Certified Public Accountants

TOWNSHIP OF BISMARCK
Presque Isle County, Michigan

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the year ended March 31, 2005

The Management's Discussion and Analysis report of the Township of Bismarck covers the Township's financial performance during the year ended March 31, 2005.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Our financial status remained stable over the last year. Net assets at March 31, 2005, totaled \$407,766.40 for governmental activities. Overall total capital assets remained approximately the same.

Overall revenues were \$89,085.89 from governmental activities. Governmental activities had a \$12,737.23 decrease in net assets with major road improvements of \$10,000.00 and a loss of 4% (\$1,188.00) in revenue sharing.

Taxable value increased by approximately \$1,455,151.00 or 6%.

We did not incur any new debt.

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report consists of three parts, management's discussion and analysis, the basic financial statements and required supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two different kinds of statements that present different views of the Township and the notes to the financial statements.

The first two statements are entity-wide financial statements and provide both long and short-term information about our overall financial status. These statements present governmental activities.

The remaining statements are fund financial statements, which focus on individual parts of the Township in more detail.

The notes to the financial statements explain some of the information in the statements and provide more detailed data.

Required supplementary information further explains and supports the financial statement information with budgetary comparisons.

ENTITY-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The entity-wide statements report information about the Township as a whole using accounting methods used by private companies. The statement of net assets includes all of the Township's assets and liabilities. The statement of activities records all of the current year revenues and expenses regardless of when received or paid.

The two entity-wide statements report net assets and how they have changed. Net assets are the difference between the entity's assets and liabilities and this is one method to measure the entity's financial health or position.

Over time increases/decreases in the entity's net assets are an indicator of whether financial position is improving or deteriorating.

To assess overall health of the entity you may also have to consider additional factors such as tax base changes, facility conditions and personnel changes.

All of the activities of the Township are reported as governmental activities. This includes the General Fund and the Lake Nettie Improvement Fund.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the year ended March 31, 2005

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the Township's funds, focusing on significant (major) funds not the Township as a whole. Funds are used to account for specific activities or funding sources. Some funds are required by law or bond covenants. The Township Board also may create them. Funds are established to account for funding and spending of specific financial resources and to show proper expenditures of those resources.

The Township has the following types of funds:

Governmental funds: All of the Township's activities are included in the governmental category. These funds are presented on the modified accrual basis, which is designed to show short-term financial information. You will note that the differences between the Township's entity-wide statements and the fund statements are disclosed in reconciling statements to explain the differences between them. The Township's governmental activities include the General Fund and the Lake Nettie Improvement Fund.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE TOWNSHIP AS A WHOLE

Our cash position in governmental activities remains stable.

Our loan payable principal balance was \$16,367.85.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE TOWNSHIP'S FUNDS

The General Fund pays for most of the Township's governmental services. The most significant are highways and streets which incurred expenses of \$12,000.00.

CAPITAL ASSET AND LONG-TERM DEBT ACTIVITY

The Township's governmental activities invested \$4,152.00 in capital assets.

The Township's governmental activities paid \$3,273.57 of principal on long-term debt.

KNOWN FACTORS AFFECTING FUTURE OPERATIONS

The future of state revenue sharing is very clouded and it represents 31% of our income. We continue to grow at a 6% rate in taxable values with little demand for infrastructure, except good roads and water where available.

CONTACTING THE TOWNSHIP'S MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our taxpayers, creditors, investors and customers with a general overview of the Townships finances and to demonstrate the Township's accountability for the revenues it receives. If you have any questions concerning this report please contact the Township Clerk or Township Treasurer at 7028 W. 638 Hwy., Hawks, Michigan 49779 or 989-734-7012.

TOWNSHIP OF BISMARCK
Presque Isle County, Michigan

GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
March 31, 2005

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS:	
CURRENT ASSETS:	
Cash in bank	77 770 09
Taxes receivable	<u>2 915 01</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>80 685 10</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS:	
Capital Assets	444 429 15
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(100 980 00)</u>
Total Non-current Assets	<u>343 449 15</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>424 134 25</u></u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS:	
LIABILITIES:	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>-</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>-</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES:	
Loan payable	<u>16 367 85</u>
Total Non-current Liabilities	<u>16 367 85</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>16 367 85</u>
NET ASSETS:	
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	327 081 30
Unrestricted	<u>80 685 10</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>407 766 40</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u><u>424 134 25</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

TOWNSHIP OF BISMARCK
Presque Isle County, Michigan

GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year ended March 31, 2005

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenue</u>	<u>Governmental Activities Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets</u>
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS			
Governmental Activities:			
Legislative	14 851 04	-	(14 851 04)
General government	52 530 30	12 719 81	(39 810 49)
Public safety	11 329 60	-	(11 329 60)
Public works	<u>23 112 18</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(23 112 18)</u>
Total Governmental Activities	<u>101 823 12</u>	<u>12 719 81</u>	<u>(89 103 31)</u>
General Revenues:			
Property taxes			31 592 66
Other taxes			10 341 75
State revenue sharing			30 014 81
Interest			811 54
Miscellaneous			<u>3 605 32</u>
Total General Revenues			<u>76 366 08</u>
Change in net assets			(12 737 23)
Net assets, beginning of year			<u>420 503 63</u>
Net Assets, End of Year			<u>407 766 40</u>

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BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
March 31, 2005

	<u>General</u>	<u>Lake Nettie Improvement Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Assets</u>			
Cash in bank	70 212 51	7 557 58	77 770 09
Taxes receivable	<u>2 258 17</u>	<u>656 84</u>	<u>2 915 01</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>72 470 68</u></u>	<u><u>8 214 42</u></u>	<u><u>80 685 10</u></u>
<u>Liabilities and Fund Equity</u>			
Liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund equity:			
Fund balances:			
Unreserved:			
Undesignated	<u>72 470 68</u>	<u>8 214 42</u>	<u>80 685 10</u>
Total fund equity	<u>72 470 68</u>	<u>8 214 42</u>	<u>80 685 10</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u><u>72 470 68</u></u>	<u><u>8 214 42</u></u>	<u><u>80 685 10</u></u>

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RECONCILIATION OF BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
March 31, 2005

TOTAL FUND BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	80 685 10
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because –	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds balance sheet:	
Capital assets at cost	444 429 15
Accumulated depreciation	(100 980 00)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds:	
Loan payable	<u>(16 367 85)</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS – GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	<u>407 766 40</u>

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TOWNSHIP OF BISMARCK
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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
Year ended March 31, 2005

	<u>General</u>	<u>Lake Nettie Improvement Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenues:			
Property taxes	23 475 16	8 117 50	31 592 66
Other taxes	10 341 75	-	10 341 75
State revenue sharing	30 014 81	-	30 014 81
Charges for services - PTAF	7 419 81	-	7 419 81
Interest	783 77	27 77	811 54
Rent	5 300 00	-	5 300 00
Miscellaneous	3 605 32	-	3 605 32
Total revenues	<u>80 940 62</u>	<u>8 145 27</u>	<u>89 085 89</u>
Expenditures:			
Legislative:			
Township Board	14 851 04	-	14 851 04
General government:			
Supervisor	9 029 50	-	9 029 50
Elections	1 017 81	-	1 017 81
Clerk	5 045 64	-	5 045 64
Board of Review	779 40	-	779 40
Treasurer	9 617 81	-	9 617 81
Building and grounds	17 910 14	-	17 910 14
Public safety:			
Fire protection	5 367 60	-	5 367 60
Public works:			
Highways and streets	12 000 00	-	12 000 00
Street lights	788 30	-	788 30
Lake improvement	-	10 323 88	10 323 88
Capital outlay	4 152 00	-	4 152 00
Debt service	3 273 57	-	3 273 57
Total expenditures	<u>83 832 81</u>	<u>10 323 88</u>	<u>94 156 69</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(2 892 19)	(2 178 61)	(5 070 80)
Fund balance, April 1	<u>75 362 87</u>	<u>10 393 03</u>	<u>85 755 90</u>
Fund Balance, March 31	<u><u>72 470 68</u></u>	<u><u>8 214 42</u></u>	<u><u>80 685 10</u></u>

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TOWNSHIP OF BISMARCK
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RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year ended March 31, 2005

NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES – TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (5 070 80)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures; in the Statement of Activities,
these costs are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation

Depreciation Expense	(15 092 00)
Capital Outlay	4 152 00

Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, the
repayment does not have an effect in the statement of activities but does
reduce the debt balance in the statement of net assets

Principal payments on long-term debt	<u>3 273 57</u>
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CHANGE IN NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	<u><u>(12 737 23)</u></u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

TOWNSHIP OF BISMARCK
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2005

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of the Township of Bismarck, Presque Isle County, Michigan, conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units.

Reporting Entity

The financial statements of the Township contain all the Township funds that are controlled by or dependent on the Township's executive or legislative branches.

The reporting entity is the Township of Bismarck. The Township is governed by an elected Township Board. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the Township as the primary government.

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements, (the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Changes in Net Assets) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. All the Township's government-wide activities are considered governmental activities.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include: (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function; and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Taxes, intergovernmental payments and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported as general revenue.

Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. When an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available, restricted resources are applied first.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized as soon as it is both measurable and available. Revenue is considered to be available if it is collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, expenditures relating to compensated absences, and claims and judgments are recorded only when payment is due.

TOWNSHIP OF BISMARCK
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
March 31, 2005

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Governmental Funds

General Fund

This fund is used to account for all financial transactions except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The fund includes the general operating expenditures of the local unit. Revenues are derived primarily from property taxes, state and federal distributions, grants, and other intergovernmental revenues.

Special Revenue Fund

This fund is used to account for specific governmental revenues requiring separate accounting because of legal or regulatory provisions or administrative action.

Fiduciary Fund

The Current Tax Collection Fund is used to account for assets held as an agent for others.

Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets or Equity

Bank deposits and investments – Cash and cash equivalent investments include cash on hand, demand deposits, certificates of deposit and short-term investments with a maturity of three months or less when acquired. Investments are stated at fair value.

Receivables

Receivables have been recognized for all significant amounts due to the Township. Allowances for uncollectible accounts have not been provided for in that collection is not considered doubtful and any uncollected amount would be immaterial.

Inventories

Inventories of supplies are considered to be immaterial and are not recorded.

Property Taxes

Property taxes are accrued in the year in which they are levied. The tax levy is recorded as deferred revenue until the subsequent year when it becomes available for use.

Properties are assessed as of December 31 and the related property taxes become a lien on December 1 of the following year. These taxes are due on February 14 with the final collection date of February 28 before they are added to the county tax rolls. The 2004 tax roll millage rate was .9631 mills, and the taxable value was \$23,804,184.00.

Encumbrances

Encumbrances involving the current recognition of purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for future expenditures are not recorded.

TOWNSHIP OF BISMARCK
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2005

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Capital Assets

Capital assets are defined by the Township as assets with an initial cost of more than \$1,000.00 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Donated assets are reported at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Additions, improvements and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings	30-50 years
Furniture and equipment	5-20 years

Compensated Absences (Vacation and Sick Leave)

Employees are not allowed to accumulate vacation and sick pay.

Post-employment Benefits

The Township provides no post-employment benefits to past employees.

Fund Equity

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

Accounting Change

Effective April 1, 2004, the Township implemented the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments* (GASB No. 34). Changes to the Township's financial statements as a result of GASB No. 34 are as follows:

A Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section providing analysis of the Township's overall financial position and results of operations has been included.

Government-wide financial statements (Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities) prepared using the full accrual accounting for all the Township's activities have been provided.

Capital assets in the governmental activities column of the Statement of Net Assets include net assets totaling \$343,449.15.

Note 2 – Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The following procedures are followed in establishing the budgetary data reflected in these financial statements:

1. Prior to the beginning of the fiscal year, the proposed budget for each budgetary fund is submitted to the Township Board for consideration.
2. The proposed budgets include expenditures as well as the methods of financing them.

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Presque Isle County, Michigan

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
March 31, 2005

Note 2 – Budgets and Budgetary Accounting (continued)

3. Public hearings are held to obtain taxpayer comments.
4. The budgets are adopted at the activity level by a majority vote of the Township Board.
5. The budgets are adopted on the modified accrual basis of accounting.
6. The originally adopted budgets can be amended during the year only by a majority vote of the Township Board.
7. The adopted budgets are used as a management control device during the year for all budgetary funds.
8. Budget appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
9. The budgeted amounts shown in these financial statements are the originally adopted budgets with all amendments that were approved by the Township Board during the fiscal year.

Note 3 – Deposits and Investments

Michigan Compiled Laws, Section 129.91, authorizes the Township to deposit and invest in the accounts of federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations; bonds, securities and other direct obligations of the United States, or any agency or instrumentality of the United States; United States government or federal agency obligation repurchase agreements; banker's acceptance of United States banks; commercial paper rated within the two highest classifications, which mature not more than 270 days after the date purchase; obligations of the State of Michigan or its political subdivisions which are rated as investment grade; and mutual funds composed of investment vehicles which are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan. Financial institutions eligible for deposit of public funds must maintain an office in Michigan.

The Township Board has designated one bank for the deposit of Township funds. The investment policy adopted by the board in accordance with Public Act 196 of 1997 has authorized investment in all investments authorized by state law as listed above.

The Township's deposits and investments are in accordance with statutory authority.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 3, risk disclosures for the cash deposits are as follows:

	<u>Carrying Amounts</u>
Total Deposits	<u>77 770 09</u>

Amounts in the bank balances are without considering deposits in transit or uncleared checks.

TOWNSHIP OF BISMARCK
Presque Isle County, Michigan

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
March 31, 2005

Note 3 – Deposits and Investments (continued)

	<u>Bank Balances</u>
Insured (FDIC)	78 170 09
Uninsured and Uncollateralized	<u>-</u>
Total Deposits	<u><u>78 170 09</u></u>

The Township of Bismarck did not have any investments as of March 31, 2005.

Note 4 – Capital Assets

Capital asset activity of the Township's Governmental activities for the current year was as follows:

	<u>Balance 4/1/04</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance 3/31/05</u>
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>				
Land	23 500 00	-	-	23 500 00
Buildings	330 000 00	-	-	330 000 00
Equipment	<u>86 777 15</u>	<u>4 152 00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90 929 15</u>
Total	440 277 15	4 152 00	-	444 429 15
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(85 888 00)</u>	<u>(15 092 00)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(100 980 00)</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u><u>354 389 15</u></u>	<u><u>(10 940 00)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>343 449 15</u></u>

Note 5 – Retirement Plan

The Township has a retirement plan that covers Township Board members. Under the plan, the Township contributes 7.5% of the employees' annual earnings for the purchase of annuities. Employees contribute an additional 7.5% of their compensation on a voluntary basis. The Township's retirement contributions amounted to \$2,583.26 for the year ended March 31, 2005.

Note 6 – Deferred Compensation Plan

The Township does not have a deferred compensation plan.

Note 7 – Risk Management

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors, omissions, and employee injuries (workers' compensation). The Township has purchased commercial insurance for property loss, torts and workers' compensation claims. Settled claims relating to the commercial insurance have not exceeded the amount of insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Note 8 – Building Permits

The Township of Bismarck does not issue building permits. Building permits are issued by the County of Presque Isle.

TOWNSHIP OF BISMARCK
Presque Isle County, Michigan

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2005

Note 9 – Changes in Long-Term Debt

A summary of changes in long-term debt follows:

	<u>Balance 4/1/04</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance 3/31/05</u>
Loan payable – County	19 641 42	-	3 273 57	16 367 85
Total	<u>19 641 42</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3 273 57</u>	<u>16 367 85</u>

Note 10 – Loan Payable

On September 24, 2002, the Township obtained a loan from Presque Isle County in the amount of \$22,915.00 to fund fire contracted services which partially enabled the Rural Urban Fire Authority to acquire a fire truck. The loan is repayable in seven annual installments without interest. As of March 31, 2005, the principal balance of the loan payable was \$16,367.85.

TOWNSHIP OF BISMARCK
Presque Isle County, Michigan

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – GENERAL FUND
Year ended March 31, 2005

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Over (Under)
Revenues:				
Property taxes	16 000 00	16 000 00	23 475 16	7 475 16
Other taxes	10 300 00	10 300 00	10 341 75	41 75
State revenue sharing	19 900 00	19 900 00	30 014 81	10 114 81
Charges for services – PTAF	4 800 00	4 800 00	7 419 81	2 619 81
Interest	300 00	300 00	783 77	483 77
Rent	3 500 00	3 500 00	5 300 00	1 800 00
Miscellaneous	5 200 00	5 200 00	3 605 32	(1 594 68)
Total revenues	<u>60 000 00</u>	<u>60 000 00</u>	<u>80 940 62</u>	<u>20 940 62</u>
Expenditures:				
Legislative:				
Township Board	9 955 00	17 000 00	14 851 04	(2 148 96)
General government:				
Supervisor	9 085 00	9 285 00	9 029 50	(255 50)
Elections	1 325 00	1 325 00	1 017 81	(307 19)
Clerk	5 965 00	5 966 00	5 045 64	(920 36)
Board of Review	825 00	923 00	779 40	(143 60)
Treasurer	10 290 00	10 290 00	9 617 81	(672 19)
Building and grounds	18 950 00	19 150 00	17 910 14	(1 239 86)
Public safety:				
Fire protection	6 500 00	6 500 00	5 367 60	(1 132 40)
Public works:				
Highways and streets	10 000 00	12 000 00	12 000 00	-
Street lights	800 00	800 00	788 30	(11 70)
Culture and recreation:				
Recreation	4 000 00	-	-	-
Contingency	5 000 00	1 130 00	-	(1 130 00)
Capital outlay	13 000 00	11 326 00	4 152 00	(7 174 00)
Debt service	4 000 00	4 000 00	3 273 57	(726 43)
Total expenditures	<u>99 695 00</u>	<u>99 695 00</u>	<u>83 832 81</u>	<u>(15 862 19)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(39 695 00)	(39 695 00)	(2 892 19)	36 802 81
Fund balance, April 1	<u>73 304 00</u>	<u>67 804 00</u>	<u>75 362 87</u>	<u>7 558 87</u>
Fund Balance, March 31	<u>33 609 00</u>	<u>28 109 00</u>	<u>72 470 68</u>	<u>44 361 68</u>

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BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – LAKE NETTIE IMPROVEMENT FUND
Year ended March 31, 2005

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Over (Under)</u>
Revenues:				
Property taxes	5 000 00	5 000 00	8 117 50	3 117 50
Interest	-	-	27 77	27 77
Total revenues	<u>5 000 00</u>	<u>5 000 00</u>	<u>8 145 27</u>	<u>3 145 27</u>
Expenditures:				
Public works:				
Lake improvement	<u>4 000 00</u>	<u>10 500 00</u>	<u>10 323 88</u>	<u>(176 12)</u>
Total expenditures	<u>4 000 00</u>	<u>10 500 00</u>	<u>10 323 88</u>	<u>(176 12)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	1 000 00	(5 500 00)	(2 178 61)	3 321 39
Fund balance, April 1	-	5 500 00	10 393 03	4 893 03
Fund Balance, March 31	<u>1 000 00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8 214 42</u>	<u>8 214 42</u>

TOWNSHIP OF BISMARCK
Presque Isle County, Michigan

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES BY DETAILED ACCOUNT
Year ended March 31, 2005

Township Board:	
Salaries	2 235 00
Payroll taxes	32 37
Dues	392 19
Contracted services	12 042 12
Miscellaneous	149 36
	<u>14 851 04</u>
Supervisor:	
Salary	3 200 00
Salary – Assessor	4 800 00
Supplies	860 00
Miscellaneous	169 50
	<u>9 029 50</u>
Elections:	
Salaries	716 51
Travel	83 46
Printing and publishing	217 84
	<u>1 017 81</u>
Clerk:	
Salary	4 850 00
Payroll taxes	95 34
Supplies	100 30
	<u>5 045 64</u>
Board of Review:	
Salaries	577 50
Payroll taxes	44 16
Printing and publishing	157 74
	<u>779 40</u>
Treasurer:	
Salary	7 725 00
Payroll taxes	210 64
Supplies	1 682 17
	<u>9 617 81</u>
Building and grounds:	
Repairs and maintenance	6 304 43
Utilities	5 054 43
Supplies	721 02
Pension	2 583 26
Insurance	3 247 00
	<u>17 910 14</u>
Fire protection:	
Contracted services	5 367 60
	<u>5 367 60</u>
Highways and streets:	
Maintenance	12 000 00
	<u>12 000 00</u>
Street lighting:	
Utilities	788 30
	<u>788 30</u>
Capital outlay	4 152 00
	<u>4 152 00</u>
Debt service	3 273 57
	<u>3 273 57</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>83 832 81</u>

TOWNSHIP OF BISMARCK
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CURRENT TAX COLLECTION FUND
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
Year ended March 31, 2005

	<u>Balance</u> <u>4/1/04</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>3/31/05</u>
<u>Assets</u>				
Cash in Bank	<u>606 98</u>	<u>704 620 11</u>	<u>705 227 09</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Due to other funds	5 72	39 783 65	39 789 37	-
Due to others	<u>601 26</u>	<u>664 836 46</u>	<u>665 437 72</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>606 98</u>	<u>704 620 11</u>	<u>705 227 09</u>	<u>-</u>

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CURRENT TAX COLLECTION FUND
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
Year ended March 31, 2005

Cash on hand and in bank – beginning of year	<u>606 98</u>
Cash receipts:	
Property taxes	704 538 68
Interest	<u>81 43</u>
Total cash receipts	<u>704 620 11</u>
Total beginning balance and cash receipts	<u>705 227 09</u>
Cash disbursements:	
Township General Fund	39 789 37
Presque Isle County	346 206 16
Rogers City Schools	316 996 41
Hillman Schools	1 008 24
Refunds	<u>1 226 91</u>
Total cash disbursements	<u>705 227 09</u>
Cash on Hand and in Bank – End of Year	<u><u>-</u></u>

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AUDIT COMMUNICATION AND REPORT OF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

June 16, 2005

To the Township Board
Township of Bismarck
Presque Isle County, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of the Township of Bismarck for the year ended March 31, 2005. As required by auditing standards generally accepted in the United States, the independent auditor is required to make several communications to the governing body having oversight responsibility for the audit. The purpose of this communication is to provide you with additional information regarding the scope and results of our audit that may assist you with your oversight responsibilities of the financial reporting process for which management is responsible.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY UNDER AUDITING STANDARDS GENERALLY ACCEPTED IN THE UNITED STATES

We conducted our audit of the financial statements of the Township of Bismarck in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. The following paragraph explains our responsibilities under those standards.

Management has the responsibility for adopting sound accounting policies, for maintaining an adequate and effective system of accounts, for the safeguarding of assets, and for devising an internal control structure that will, among other things, help assure the proper recording of transactions. The transactions that should be reflected in the accounts and in the financial statements are matters within the direct knowledge and control of management. Our knowledge of such transactions is limited to that acquired through our audit. Accordingly, the fairness of representations made through the financial statements is an implicit and integral part of management's accounts and records. However, our responsibility for the financial statements is confined to the expression of an opinion on them. The financial statements remain the responsibility of management.

The concept of materiality is inherent in the work of an independent auditor. An auditor places greater emphasis on those items that have, on a relative basis, more importance to the financial statements and greater possibilities of material error than those items of lesser importance or those in which the possibility of material error is remote.

For this purpose, materiality has been defined as "the magnitude of an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would have been changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement."

An independent auditor's objective in an audit is to obtain sufficient competent evidential matter to provide a reasonable basis for forming an opinion on the financial statements. In doing so, the auditor must work within economic limits; the opinion, to be economically useful, must be formed within a reasonable length of time and at reasonable cost. That is why an auditor's work is based on selected tests rather than an attempt to verify all transactions. Since evidence is examined on a test basis only, an audit provides only reasonable assurance, rather than absolute assurance, that financial statements are free of material misstatement. Thus, there is a risk that audited financial statements may contain undiscovered material errors or fraud. The existence of that risk is implicit in the phrase in the audit report, "in our opinion."

To the Township Board
Township of Bismarck
Presque Isle County, Michigan

In the audit process, we gain an understanding of the internal control structure of an entity for the purpose of assisting in determining the nature, timing, and extent of audit testing. Our understanding is obtained by inquiry of management, testing transactions, and observation and review of documents and records. The amount of work done is not sufficient to provide a basis for an opinion on the adequacy of the internal control structure.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

Auditing standards call for us to inform you of other significant issues such as, but not limited to, 1) Accounting estimates that are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements or because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management's current judgments; 2) Significant audit adjustments that may not have been detected except through the auditing procedures we performed; 3) Disagreements with management regarding the scope of the audit or application of accounting principles; 4) Consultation with other accountants; 5) Major issues discussed with management prior to retention; and 6) Difficulties encountered in performing the audit.

We have no significant issues, regarding these matters, to report to you at this time. Audit adjustments were minimal, and are available to review.

GASB 34 IMPLEMENTATION

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board issued a new reporting model for governmental units which was required to be implemented for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2005. The implementation of this pronouncement for the Township of Bismarck began with the year ended March 31, 2005. The daily operations and recording transactions did not change significantly, however, the Township is required to maintain additional records for the year end adjustments to the final presentation format.

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION REGARDING INTERNAL CONTROLS/ COMPLIANCE/ EFFICIENCY

Our procedures disclosed the following conditions that we would like to bring to your attention:

SEGREGATION OF DUTIES

A separation of duties between persons who authorize transactions and persons who have control over the related assets does not always exist.

The least desirable accounting system is one in which an employee is responsible for executing the transaction and then recording the transaction from its origin to its ultimate posting in the General Ledger. This increases the likelihood that intentional or unintentional errors will go undetected. In most cases, adequate segregation of duties substantially increases control over errors without duplication of effort.

We understand that due to the size of needed staff, a proper segregation of duties may be impractical and the "cost to benefit" relationship may not justify the addition of accounting staff to accomplish the desired segregation.

These conditions were considered in determining the nature, timing and extent of the audit tests to be applied in our audit of the Township's financial statements and this communication of these matters does not affect our report on the Township's financial statements, dated March 31, 2005.

To the Township Board
Township of Bismarck
Presque Isle County, Michigan

SUMMARY

We welcome any questions you may have regarding the foregoing comments and we would be happy to discuss any of these or other questions that you might have at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Campbell, Kusterer & Co., P.C.

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Certified Public Accountants